



CANADA REMEMBERS GUIDE

WWII in One Day from Amsterdam

From Amsterdam, visit cemeteries, museums and monuments that commemorate the role of Canadians in liberating the Netherlands.



Bring small decorative Canadian flags to place at headstones in cemeteries and a pen to sign the Visitors Book in the Registry. Pack water and snacks in the car. Maps in this guide are for illustration only and are not to scale. Safe travels!

SELF-GUIDED ITINERARY:

9.00am **#1** Set GPS (90km) to **APELDOORN**, visit the **MAN WITH TWO HATS MEMORIAL** (The National Canadian Liberation Monument), which commemorates the liberation of Apeldoorn by Canadians and the close between our two countries. *(On the outskirts of Apeldoorn is Paleis Het Loo, formerly the Royal Palace. Park can be visited.)*

10.30am **#2** Set GPS (40km) to **HOLTEN CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY**. This beautiful cemetery has 1,394 burials, of which 1,355 are Canadians who died in the Netherlands and Germany in the closing stages of the war. *(Spend 30 minutes here.)*



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11.45am **#2** On the same road (Eekhoornweg) and very close to the entrance to the cemetery is the **HOLTEN INFORMATION CENTRE** (“Infomatiecentrum Canadese Begraafplaats”) which is A MUST-SEE. This wonderful centre is a tribute to Canadians who liberated the Netherlands. The maps, photos and films are incredible. There is a database of every Canadian killed in the Netherlands. *(Spend 60 min here.)*

1.30pm **#3** Set GPS (95km) to **GROESBEEK CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY** This is a very large cemetery with just over 2,600 war dead, of which Canadians account for 2,338 of the burials commemorated here. *(Spend 30 min here.)*

3.00pm **#3** Visit the **GROESBEEK MEMORIAL** Within the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, there is a MEMORIAL WALL which lists the names of more than 1,000 soldiers who died liberating this area and have no known grave. Ninety-six Canadians are commemorated on the wall. *(Spend 15 min here.)*

3.15pm **#3** Set GPS (2km) to **FREEDOM MUSEUM** (Vrijheidsmuseum). There are permanent and temporary exhibits; the theme is freedom and “without borders”. Personal stories of impact of Operations Market Garden and Veritable on the populace and land (Check for hours at freedommuseum.com) *(Spend 60 min here.)*

RETURN TO AMSTERDAM

If you retrace via Utrecht: The **NATIONAL MILITARY MUSEUM** in Soest, just east of Utrecht, is one of Holland’s two largest military museums, with over 300,000 artefacts, including aircraft. *Note: It closes at 5.00pm.* (www.nmm.nl) There is a Jewish Monument in Utrecht.

If you return via Arnhem: Consider stopping at the **ARNHEM OOSTERBEEK WAR CEMETERY** (“AIRBORNE WAR CEMETERY”), which has more than 1,700 Allied soldiers, of which 32 are Canadians. There is a small memorial to air despatchers just down the road from the parking lot.